

# **LAURO FINNISH OPEN 2023 hosted by Fuge Team at Parador Malaga Golf**

## **LOCAL RULES and TERMS OF COMPETITION**

For the full text of any Local Rule referenced below, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2023.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty (two penalty strokes)

### **1 Preferred Lies (Winter Rules)**

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may prefer the lie within 15 cm. See Model Local Rule E-3 for details of how this must be done.

### **2 Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)**

A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall or fence defining a boundary.

### **3 Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)**

#### **3a) Ground Under Repair**

- (1) Any area bounded by a white or blue line or blue stakes.
- (2) Any area of damaged ground that is considered by a referee to be abnormal (e.g. caused by animals, vehicle movement or heavy rain/irrigation).
- (3) Seams of cut turf; Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.

#### **3b) Immovable Obstructions**

- (1) Roads or paths surfaced with gravel or concrete. Other roads and paths are integral objects.
- (2) Landscaped garden areas and everything growing in them are treated as a single abnormal course condition

### **4 Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens (Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect)**

When a ball lies in the general area, interference exists if an immovable obstruction is: on the player's line of play, is within two club-lengths of the putting green, and is within two club-lengths of the ball. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. (Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)

### **5 Integral Objects**

The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:

**5a)** Gates for getting through boundary fences or walls.

**5b)** Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located in penalty areas.

### **6 Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)**

Players are encouraged to play Ready Golf. Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes is 4 hours 28 minutes.

### **7 Caddies**

Caddies are allowed, but they must be under 21 years (born 2002 or later).

### **8 Practice (Rule 5.2)**

Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds on the day of the competition.

## 9 Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

- Immediate stop for imminent danger – one prolonged note of a siren
- Stop for a non-dangerous situation – three consecutive notes of a siren
- Resumption of play – two consecutive notes of siren

Note: When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

## 10 Transportation

During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.

## 11 Returning of Score Card

A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the recording area.

## 12 Deciding Ties

In the event of a tie for a winner, there will be a sudden death play-off over holes to be decided by the Championship Committee. Other ties are decided mathematically by best last 36, 18, 9, 6, 3, 1 holes.

## 13 Results of the Championship - Competition Closed

The competition is closed 15 minutes after the prize-giving ceremony is over.

## 14 Code of Conduct

In the case of unsportsmanlike behavior, the Committee may decide to penalize the player.

Unsportsmanlike behavior includes but is not limited to:

- Failure to take care for the course (e.g. not raking bunkers or not replacing divots)
- Using unacceptable language
- Throwing or handling clubs in a dangerous way
- Damaging the facilities, including the course and the clubhouse
- Verbally threatening or abusing a player, an official or other person

The Committee will consider every breach individually. Possible penalties are: warning, one stroke penalty, general penalty or disqualification.

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